THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

W.P.No.27315 of 2005

Date:27.12.2005

E.P.Ch.Rao.

--------PETITIONER

APSRTC, rep by its Regional Manager and another.

---------RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

The petitioner is employed as a Driver in the Chilakaluripet Depot of APSRTC, 2nd respondent herein. On the allegation that he drove the bus in rash and negligent manner, the 2nd respondent issued a charge sheet, dated 05.01.1999. The explanation of the petitioner thereto was considered and departmental enquiry was conducted. A report was submitted on 27.03.1999, holding that the petitioner is found guilty of the charges. After following the regular procedure, the 2nd respondent passed an order, dated 19.06.1999, imposing the punishment of stoppage of one increment with cumulative effect. The appeal preferred by the petitioner against the same was dismissed. Thereafter, the petitioner filed a review before the 1st respondent on 10.11.2002. His grievance is that though three years have lapsed, the review has not yet been disposed of.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel for the respondents.

The review filed by the petitioner is pending with the 1st respondent, for the past three years. In the meanwhile, the petitioner is undergoing hardship, on account

of stoppage of increments. The petitioner states that he has since been acquitted in the Criminal Case. Therefore, the 1st respondent ought to have expedited the disposal of the review.

Hence, the Writ Petition is disposed of, directing the 1st respondent to pass appropriate orders in the review filed by the petitioner, within a period of two (2) months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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